

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 272C.2, the Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 1, “Administration,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify the definition of “general supervision of a dental assistant” and to add the use of a curing light and intraoral camera to the list of services that can be delegated to a dental assistant under general supervision. This amendment also serves to ensure that the definition of “general supervision of a dental assistant” is consistent in both Chapter 1 and Chapter 20.

Current rules regarding the general supervision of a dental assistant have consistently been interpreted to require that a dentist first examine the patient prior to delegating services to be provided by a dental assistant. This amendment clearly specifies this requirement and adds to the list of services which can be delegated to a dental assistant under general supervision.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before April 21, 2015. Such written materials should be directed to Phil McCollum, Associate Director, Iowa Dental Board, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, or sent by e-mail to phil.mccollum@iowa.gov.

There will be a public hearing on April 21, 2015, at 2 p.m. in the Board office, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views orally or in writing.

This amendment is subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 650—Chapter 7.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 153 and 272C.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule **650—1.1(153)**, definition of “General supervision of a dental assistant,” as follows:

“General supervision of a dental assistant” means that a dentist has examined the patient and has delegated the services to be provided by a registered dental assistant, which are limited to all extraoral duties, dental radiography, and intraoral suctioning, and use of a curing light and intraoral camera. The dentist need not be present in the facility while these services are being provided.